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SUMMARY: AT LUNCH ON MARCH 11, PERMREPS DISCUSSED SCHEDULE FOR NPG MINISTERIAL, US-UK-FRG TRILATERALS, EXERVISE WINTEX 75, DEVELOPMENTS IN GREEK/TURKISH SITUATION, SITES FOR FUTURE NAC MINISTERIALS, COLLOCATED OPERATING BASES, VISIT TO US OF ROMANIAN CHIEF OF STAFF, LAW OF THE SEA, PRE-CSCE STAGE III WESTERN SUMMIT, AND NADGE. END SUMMARY.  
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1. SCHEDULE FOR NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP (NPG) MINISTERIAL. THE DATES OF JUNE 16 AND 17 AT MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA, WERE SATISFACTORY TO ALL PERMREPS. AMBASSADOR BRUCE RAISED INFORMALLY THE POSSIBILITY OF A SIDE TRIP IN CONNECTION WITH THE NPG MINISTERIAL TO VISIT A

STRATEGIC NUCLEAR DETERRENT INSTALLION/UNIT. IT WAS THE SENSE OF THOSE PRESENT THAT THIS COULD NOT BE DONE ON JUNE 17 OR THEREAFTER BECAUSE OF NUMBER OF NPG PARTICIPANTS WERE DUE TO ATTEND THE SAFLANT SYMPOSIUM IN ANNAPOLIS (JUNE 18-20). SYG LUNS AND AMBASSADOR SVART (DENMARK) FAVORED THE IDEA OF SUCH A VISIT AND SAID THEY WOULD CONSIDER WHETHER THEY COULD ARRANGE TO ARRIVE IN CALIFORNIA IN ADVANCE OF JUNE 16. SEVERAL AMBASSADORS APPEARED CONCERNED WHETHER SUCH A "DIVERSION" FROM MONTEREY WOULD BE DESIRABLE. THE MAJORITY, HOWEVER, WAS NON-COMMITTAL WITH A NUMBER OF PERMREPS INDICATING THEY WOULD NEED TO CONSIDER THEIR DEFENSE MINISTERS AND THEIR OWN TRAVEL SCHEDULES FURTHER.

2. US-UK-FRG TRILATERALS. BRUCE INFORMED THE ALLIES THAT FRG AND UK OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH POLITICAL-MILITARY MATTERS MET WITH US OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AT THE END OF FEBRUARY TO DISCUSS A VARIETY OF CONCERNS. THESE INCLUDED MBFR GENERALLY, INCLUDING AIR MANPOWER, NUCLEAR ELEMENTS, PHASING AND THE COMMON CEILING. SINCE THESE WERE GENERAL CONSULTATIONS, NO PARTICULAR CONCLUSIONS WERE REACHED. EXCEPT FOR AMBASSADOR MENZIES (CANADA) WHO WONDERED ALOUD WHY THESE ALLIES HAD MET IF NO PARTICULAR CONCLUSIONS WERE REACHED, THERE WAS NO COMMENT ON THIS NEWS.

3. WINTEX 75. THE SYG REMARKED THAT THE SCENARIO IN THE WINTEX EXERCISE REVEALED A NEED FOR THE DPC TO STUDY THOROUGHLY THE WHOLE MATTER OF CHEMICAL WARFARE. AMBASSADOR CATALANO (ITALY) THOUGHT A POST-MORTEM ON WINTEX SHOULD BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE EXPERIENCE WOULD STILL BE FRESH IN PERMREPS MINDS. A NUMBER OF PERMREPS INDICATED THEY WISHED TO COMMENT ON ASPECTS OF THE EXERCISE THEY FOUND UNSATISFACTORY. THE SYG REQUESTED THEY EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AT LENGTH ON THE OCCASION OF THE POST-MORTEM.

4. DEVELOPMENTS IN GREEK/TURKISH SITUATION. LUNS REPORTED HIGHLIGHTS OF HIS MARCH 8 MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN WHICH FOLLOWED SECRETARY KISSINGERS MARCH 7 VISIT TO BRUSSELS. THE SYG SAID HE WOULD CONTINUE TO FOLLOW CLOSELY ALL DEVELOPMENTS  
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IN THE GREEK/TURKISH SITUATION.

5. SITES FOR FUTURE MINISTERIALS. AMBASSADOR HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PREPARED TO HOST A NAC MINISTERIAL IN 1978. NOTING THAT NORWAY HAS VOLUNTEERED TO WELCOME THE COUNCIL IN 1976, HARTOGH WONDERED WHETHER THE QUESTION OF WHO MIGHT BE THE HOST IN 1977 COULD NOT ALSO SOON BE SETTLED SO THAT THE ALLIANCE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO PLAN AHEAD SEVERAL YEARS FOR SUCH CONVOCATIONS. THERE WAS NO FURTHER COMMENT ON THIS SUBJECT FROM OTHER PERMREPS.

6. COLLOCATED OPERATING BASES. BRUCE RECALLED THAT IN A BRIEFING LAST MAY THE US EXPLAINED TO THE DPC THE PROBLEM OF FINDING SATISFACTORY BASES FOR ITS REINFORCING AIRCRAFT. SINCE THAT TIME,

ALLIES HAVE SHOWN EXCELLENT COOPERATION IN NEGOTIATING AGREEMENTS FOR COLLOCATED BASES, BRUCE SAID. THE US AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS IN EUROPE WOULD BE PREPARED TO GIVE THE DPC PERMREPS A SHORT UP-DATE BRIEFING LATER THIS MONTH ON PROGRESS TO DATE, IF PERMREPS SO DESIRE. THIS OFFER MET WITH GENERAL APPROVAL.

7. VISIT TO US OF ROMANIAN CHIEF OF STAFF. BRUCE MENTIONED THE IMPENDING VISIT OF LT GENERAL COMAN CHIEF OF THE ROMANIAN GENERAL STAFF, TO THE US, CALLING ATTENTION TO THIS BEING THE FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT OF AN OFFICER OF SUCH RANK FROM ANY WARSAW PACT COUNTRY. THE SYG AND PERMREPS SEEMED INTERESTED IN THIS INFORMATION.

8. LAW OF THE SEA. AMBASSADOR DE ROSE (FRANCE) INQUIRED WHETHER THE SYG INTENDED TO SCHEDULE FURTHER COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS ON LAW OF THE SEA. LUNS REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY, SAYING HE WILL DISCUSS THE MILITARY ASPECTS OF THIS TOPIC WITH ADMIRAL SIR PETER HILL-NORTON (CHAIRMAN MC--UK) AND WILL CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF DRAWING APPROPRIATE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE NEXT CONSULTATION.

9. PRE-CSCE STAGE III WESTERN SUMMIT. DE ROSE WONDERED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE A WESTERN SUMMIT BEFORE CSCE CHIEFS OF STATE CONVENE PROBABLY AT HELSINKI. WHETHER SUCH A PRE-STAGE III SUMMIT IS HELD OR NOT, ALLIES MUST GIVE ATTENTION TO PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECTS OF THE CSCE CONCLUSION, THE FRENCH PREMREP SAID.

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10. NADGE. DE ROSE SAID FRANCE WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN NADGE IN THE SAME FASHION AS OTHER ALLIES AND TO REGULARIZE ITS POSITION. HE SAID HE WOULD SOON SEND A MEMORANDUM TO PERMREPS ON THE SUBJECT OF THE FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN NADGE. BRUCE.

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